

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/781,858

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/1/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 4-8 (now renumbered hereafter to be claims 1-6).
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
  - \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 11/4/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**EXAMINER'S COMMENT AND REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

***Priority***

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C.

- 5 119(a)-(d). The certified copy of Japanese patent application number 2000-036610, filed on February 15, 2000, has been received and made of record.

***Information Disclosure Statement***

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on the following date is in

- 10 compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and is being considered by the Examiner: November 4, 2004.

***Amendment***

The Amendment filed on October 1, 2004 has been received and made of

- 15 record. In response to the first office action, the title, as well as claims 1, 7, and 8, have been amended. Claims 2-3 and 9-12 have been cancelled.

***Response to Amendment***

In response to Applicant's amended title, the Examiner finds the amended title to

- 20 be more indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Therefore, the objection to the title is hereby withdrawn.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

**Claims 1 and 4-8** are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1 and 4-6, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest an

5 electronic device as claimed, in which a control unit reverses an image and the sound outputted from first and second sound output units, in response to a signal indicating the display screen of a display panel is substantially parallel to a panel support surface and set in a direction in which the display screen can be seen.

10 Regarding claims 7-8, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method of controlling an electronic device that automatically reverses an image and the sound from first and second sound output units, in response to a signal indicating the display screen of a display panel is substantially parallel to a panel support surface and set in a direction in which the display screen can be seen.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Naoyuki et al. (JPA 06-161600) discloses a pivoting display unit in which the data  
5 displayed can be inverted to coincide with inversion of the display unit.

Sasaki et al. (US 5,396,301) discloses switching stereo output in response to a change in output mode.

Haneda et al. (US 5,900,848) discloses a display panel that can be pivoted to a position parallel to a panel support surface.

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### ***Contact***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary C. Vieaux whose telephone number is 571-272-7318. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm.


15 If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wendy Garber can be reached on 571-272-7308. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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